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CCI TO PROBE GOOGLE AFTER MEDIA BODY'S COMPLAINT

The Competition Commission of India will investigate the tech giant for misusing its position in the online news media market

'TECH GIANT ABUSES ONLINE DOMINANCE'

Media houses are completely kept in the dark on the total advertising revenue collected by Google, said a statement issued by The Indian Newspapers Society. The INS has also noted that news outlets are not being paid a fair value for the content they produce and publish online, for which they have invested huge sums of money | P7

OTHER NATIONS HAVE COMPENSATION LAWS

- Several countries including Australia, France and Spain have passed laws requiring tech firms to adequately compensate news outlets for using their content as part of search results
- The CCI, after examining the contentions of the INS, found the allegation of abuse of dominant position falls under its purview

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GOOGLE INDIA'S GROSS REVENUE IN FY21, A 14% JUMP FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

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Jaishankar to visit crisis-hit Lanka

Foreign Minister to focus on India's Neighbourhood First Policy, to meet Maldives President today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** is on a visit to India's maritime neighbours — the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

He reached the Maldives on Saturday and will be there till Sunday. On Monday, Jaishankar will be in Sri Lanka, which is currently facing an economic crisis. He will have interactions with his counterpart G L Peiris. The focus will be on India's Neighbourhood First policy. The minister will also attend the Bay of Bengal initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Colombo.

Lanka faces solvency issues due to unsustainable debt levels, said an IMF report released in the US late Friday, according to Bloomberg. Reports have said that the island nation will seek assistance from the World Bank and IMF to address the severe economic crisis. India, earlier this month, had extended a $1 billion line of credit to its southern neighbour, in addition to the $1.4 billion aid given in the last two months.

Earlier on Sunday, Jaishankar will call on Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. On Saturday, speaking at a joint press conference alongside Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid, Jaishankar said bilateralties are poised for a quantum jump to touch the lives of the people of the two nations like never before.

> **This is a partnership that tackles common challenges' It is a force for stability in the region. It is our shared responsibility to nurture and strengthen it** - S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister

Big Imran rally today, buzz on his resignation

WITH the no-confidence motion against embattled Pakistan PM Imran Khan expected to come up on Monday, speculation is rife that he will resign at a public rally in Islamabad on Sunday. The name of his verified YouTube channel was changed from Prime Minister's Office to 'Imran Khan' on Saturday, reports said, hinting at his imminent stepping down.

Khan said on Saturday that the rally will see "the biggest ever sea of people". Also, Sunday would be a "decisive day in Pakistan's history", *Dawn* quoted Khan as saying.

Pakistan's Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said early elections could be held to end the political crisis. *ENS*

KOLKATA'S KNIGHT

Chennai Super Kings' new era under Ravindra Jadeja begins with a 6-wicket loss to Kolkata Knight Riders at Wankhede Stadium | SPORTSPICS | P11

Petrol and diesel prices shoot up by ₹3.20 per litre each in 5 days

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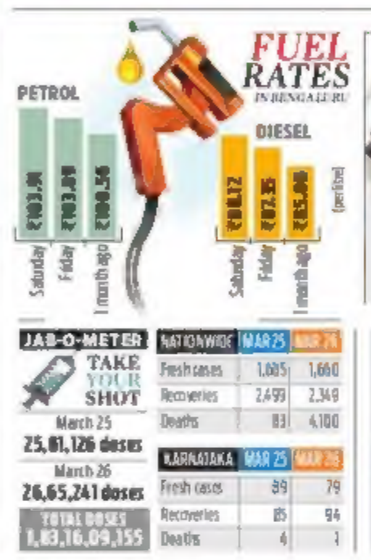
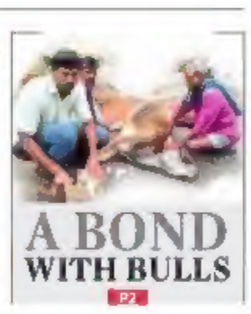
PETROL and diesel prices have gone up by ₹3.20 each since March 22 when state-owned oil marketing companies ended the four-month election-related pause on cost revision. On Saturday, fuel prices were again raised by 80 paise a litre each — the fourth hike in the past five days.

After the latest increase, one litre of petrol will cost ₹98.61 in Delhi against ₹97.81 previously, while diesel rates have gone up from ₹89.07 to ₹89.87 per litre.

Fuel prices being a sensitive issue, the government had frozen the rates on November 4, 2021 ahead of elections in five states. The prices were not revised even as the cost of raw material (crude oil) soared by about $30 per barrel to $117 per barrel compared to $82 in early November.

Meanwhile, the Congress on Saturday announced a campaign against the price rise under which it will organise rallies and marches across the country from March 31 to April 7. As part of the campaign, Congress workers will protest by beating drums and ringing bells to highlight the issue of inflation, said chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala. P7





Adani to invest ₹50,000 cr in Karnataka: Nirani

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

HAPPY with investor-friendly policies of Karnataka, industrialist Gautam Adani is interested in investing Rs 50,000 crore in the state. A formal announcement will be during the Global Investors Meet in Bengaluru in November, said Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani on Saturday.

At the TiEcon-2022 inauguration, he said initial talks with Adani were about investing Rs 5,000 crore. "When we explained to him our industrial policies, Adani said he would invest Rs 50,000 crore," he added.

Explaining three projects by Adani, he said the company will build a tunnel near Sakleshpur that will reduce the distance between Bengaluru and Mangaluru by about 40 km; an international airport will be constructed at Kittur town, which is situated between Hubballi and Belagavi and the airports at Hubballi and Belagavi airports will continue to serve domestic passengers; and the third project is to develop the Tagari Port to boost exports by connecting hinterlands of North Karnataka, he added. P4

LuLu to plough ₹3.5k cr into Tamil Nadu

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

MULTINATIONAL conglomerate LuLu Group International on Saturday announced it will set up two malls and a 100 per cent export-oriented food processing unit in Tamil Nadu, with a total investment of Rs 3,500 crore. Three other firms signed MoUs with the government for a total investment of Rs 2,600 crore, which could provide 9,700 jobs.

Announcing his company's plans at an investors' conclave organised by the Tamil Nadu Government in Dubai, LuLu Group International CMD MA Yusuf Ali said, "We will be signing the MoU at the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce on Monday. P5

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KIA is 'Best Airport' in the country

Bengaluru: Based on its customer-centric approach, and innovation, KIA has won accolades at the Wings India Awards 2022, being adjudged "Best Airport" under general category, along with "Aviation Innovation" Award. P2

Muslim Nadaswaram player at Udupi temple

Udupi: Sheik Jaleel Saheb (53) from Padugrama in Kaup is a fourth generation player of Nadaswaram during the fair at Hosa Marigudi Temple in Kaup. A devout Muslim, he performs even during Ramzan when he is fasting. P4

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